



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

David M. Putzolu et al.

Application No.: 09/470,163

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ALLOWING PROPRIETARY
FORWARDING ELEMENTS TO
INTEROPERATE WITH
STANDARD CONTROL
ELEMENTS IN AN OPEN
ARCHITECTURE FOR NETWORK
DEVICES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed **February 12, 2003**. Reconsideration of the captioned application, in light of the following amendments and subsequent remarks is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS: